

F-1-180
Schaeffer-Zimmerman House
Buckeystown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1880

The Schaeffer-Zimmerman House is a two-story frame house with a gable projection and a corner turret with german siding and shingled gables built about 1880. The original two-room main section has a two-story rear wing and a recently completed modern addition which linked a formerly free-standing frame summer kitchen to the main house. Other outbuildings include a meathouse and a former hog barn and a stable. The house is significant for the picturesque combination of Queen Anne and Stick style features, which include the two prominent corner elements of the main facade, the shingled gables and turret upper section, the scroll-sawn gable ornament and the rather narrow vertical massing of the main section. The house was probably built by William C. Schaeffer (died 1887), a contractor and builder of the Buckeystown area whose brother Newton R. Schaeffer took over the business at William's death and was largely responsible for many of the houses in the Buckeystown Historic District (F-1-29), most of which echo the features of the Schaeffer-Zimmerman House on a larger scale. The house was owned by the Zimmerman family from 1902 to 1981 and, according to local tradition, a store was operated in the house in the early 20th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Schaeffer-Zimmerman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4407 Ballenger Creek Pike ☐ not for publicationcity, town Buckeystown ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Danny L. and Madelle G. Talbert

street & number 4407 Ballenger Creek Pike telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1247

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 508

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-180

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

The Schaeffer-Zimmerman House is a two-story frame vernacular dwelling with elements of the Queen Anne and Stick style in its exterior finishes, built about 1880 on the east side of Ballenger Creek Pike (Md. 180) about 1/4 mile south of the South Renn Road intersection near Buckeystown, Frederick County, Maryland. The house has been recently altered with a large two-story frame addition on the northeast corner which linked an originally free-standing summer kitchen to the house. The other contributing outbuildings are a frame meathouse, a hog barn, and a stable, all dating from about the same period as the house. Dates for the buildings were estimated from architectural details, land records, and local historical maps.

The house has a two-room main section with a two-story rear wing extending from the northeast corner. The modern addition adjoins this wing on the northeast and bridges the gap between the wing and the summer kitchen. The principal elevation faces west and has two bays dominated with a projecting gable and a corner turret. The exterior of the house is covered with german siding and the gable faces on the west, north, and south and the polygonal upper section of the turret are covered with patterned wood shingles. The roof is standing seam metal, except the roof on the turret, which was originally slate, but was recently replaced with composition roofing material. The corner angles on the exterior are defined by vertical posts which are given further emphasis by the current paint scheme, a gray ground with white on the trim features. The gable on the west elevation has an arched 1/1 attic window and the projecting eaves have a scroll-sawn ornament at the peak. Simple boxed ogee consoles are on each of the gables. The west elevation has a one-story porch with turned columns. The first story of the west elevation has a center entrance flanked by polygonal bays. The windows are 1/1 with louvred shutters. The door is a modern replacement. The south elevation of the main section has no openings and the north elevation has an off-center single bay. The south side of the rear wing has an integral two-story porch with a plain horizontal railing on the upper level and square posts. The first story has a modern three-part window flanking the glazed panel rear door. An interior end chimney rises at the east end of the wing. The eaves of the porch have a small serpentine bargeboard.

The interior of the house has been much altered, but retains its original molded door and window trim with corner blocks. The plaster ceilings are new and the walls are covered with wallboard and wallpaper. The main section's two main rooms are linked by a wide arch and the south room is the stair hall, with a paneled staircase of turned balusters terminated by a square paneled newel topped by a small urn finial. According to Mrs. Tolbert, the current owner, a previous owner from the Zimmerman family operated a store in the front part of the house, although the dates of this use are not clear. This could account for the small size and simple plan of the house, which could have been a pre-1880 building that was enlarged and remodeled for residential use. However, historical maps of 1858 and 1873 indicate that a residence was on or near the site, so the commercial use could just as likely have occurred in the early 20th century with the house in its current exterior appearance. The rear wing has been extensively remodeled into a large kitchen

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ humanitarian
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___ 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1880

Builder/Architect Newton R. Schaeffer, builder

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ☒C ___D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Schaeffer-Zimmerman House is significant for the architecture of the house, displaying elements of both the Queen Anne style and the Stick style in its exterior massing and surface treatments. The unmatched main elevation features of a projecting gable and a polygonal corner turret are often found in Queen Anne houses, built principally between 1880 and 1915. Other Queen Anne characteristics are the patterned shingle surfaces, gable ornaments, and prominent porches. These features are also often found in Stick style buildings. The principal Stick style elements are the corner vertical framing members and the highly vertical massing of the house. The house was most likely built by William C. Schaeffer about 1880 on the Schaeffer family property which had been in their possession since the early 19th century. The 1858 and 1873 maps show that a structure was on or near the site of the present house, possibly an earlier residence. Land records of 1880 transactions refer to two adjoining parcels, the boundary passing through a house existing on the site. It is not clear whether this was an earlier building or the extant house. Newton R. Schaeffer (born 1853) entered the carpentry and building business of his brother William C. Schaeffer in Buckeystown in 1881 and took over the business at William's death in 1887. The two Schaeffers, particularly Newton, were responsible for many of the highly picturesque houses in the Buckeystown National Register District (F-1-29). It is probable that William built the extant house just prior to Newton's joining the business and, after William died, Newton carried on building in much the same style as William had done, using many of the features found on the Schaeffer-Zimmerman House in his Buckeystown houses. In 1902, Newton Schaeffer sold the property to Caroline H. Zimmerman. It was under the Zimmerman ownership, which lasted until 1981, that the possible use of the house as a store may have occurred. The source of this information is local tradition and should be further explored to clarify both the architectural and historical significance of the property.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale _____

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Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

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Concurrent with Tax Map 85, Parcel 4

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name/title	Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor
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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. **date** May 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street **telephone** 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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MAIL ROOM
100 COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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7.1 Description (Continued)

during which the formerly closed-off kitchen fireplace was revealed although not restored. One of the most intriguing features in the house is a decorative wall shelf on the second floor of the rear wing, a molded narrow shelf with a graduated shield-shaped plaque centered by a corner block. The shelf may cover a stove pipe opening in the wall which is tongue-and-groove panels concealing a closet in which the stove pipe opening is visible.

Summer kitchen: The originally free-standing summer kitchen is a one-story frame building connected to the modern link at the northwest corner where a doorway has been cut through. The exterior is covered with german siding and an interior brick chimney is located on the north gable end. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. The west elevation has a single glazed panel door flanked by a 6/6 window. Another 6/6 window is located in the south elevation. The summer kitchen is currently used as an office and a narrow stair leads to the loft or attic above the single room.

Meathouse: The small frame meathouse is located south of the summer kitchen. It has a square plan with german siding and a corrugated metal roof. A 6/6 window is located on the east elevation and a vertical tongue-and-groove door is on the north elevation.

Hog barn: The frame hog barn is a rectangular structure located just east of a non-contributing shed. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. A low door on the south elevation and a vertical board door on the north elevation to a feed aisle reveals the original use of the building. The west gable end has an upper level door to the feed storage area. The lower walls of the building are battened, while the feed storage space has open joints between the siding boards.

Stable: The fourth outbuilding was identified by Mrs. Tolbert as a stable, but its original use is unclear. It is a one-story frame rectangular structure located east of and at an angle to the hog barn. It has board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. The southeast elevation and west gable end have 3/3 windows and a vertical board door is located at the southwest corner. The building has some characteristics of a chicken house, but none of the typical features such as a band of south-facing windows.

State champion black walnut tree: Although not included in the contributing resource count, a large black walnut tree located on the property east of the buildings has been identified as a potential State champion of its type for the year 2000.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979; 1105-1106.

44 7 Ballenger Creek Pike

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Miscellaneous

1247/508 24 Jul 84	Danny L. & Madelle Gatt Talbert	Kenneth M. & Laura K. Burdette	3 Q. 1 R., 30 1/4 p. P. 1: 1 Q., 2 R. 12 p. P. 2: 1 Q., 2 R. 18 1/4 p.		
1159/43 19 Oct 81	Kenneth M. & Laura K. Burdette	Julia Catharine Zimmerman succ. joint tenant of Lester C. Zimmerman	3 Q. 1 R. 30 1/4 p.	\$40,000	
731/411 3 Sept 65	Lester C. Zimmerman & Julia C. Zimmerman, his daughter	Charles McC. & Theresa L. Mathias			
731/409 3 Sept 65	Charles McC. Mathias et al	Lester C. Zimmer- man, widower			
344/537 4 Sept 23	Lester C. Zimmer- man	John D. & Ethel E. Horine	2 contiguous parcels 3 Q. 1 R. 30 1/4 p.		
335/149 22 Mar 21	John D. & Ethel E. Horine	Arthur & Maude Z. Hoffmaster			
SDH 2/371 28 Oct 13 Mill Record	Maude Z. Hoffmaster (formerly Maude A. Zimmerman)	Thomas H. A. Zimmerman A. Zimmerman			
DHH 13/594 10 May 02	Caroline H. Zimmerman, wife of Thomas Zimmerman	Newton R. & Elizabeth C. Schaeffer	1) WBT 4/481 2) JWLC 1/191 First described metes & bounds pass through the present dwelling so as to contain three of the present rooms situated in the N.W. end of said house = 1 Q. 2 R. 12 p. from AF 2/154, 26 June 1880 Second described parcel metes & bounds passes through house to contain 4 of the rooms situated in S.E. end of dwelling, 1 Q. 2 R. 18 1/4 p. = AF 2/155	\$1500	

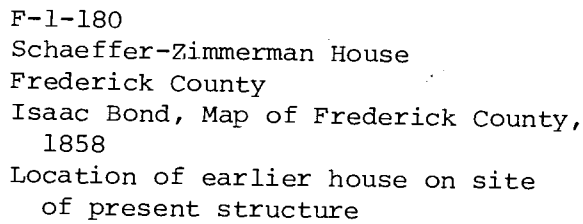
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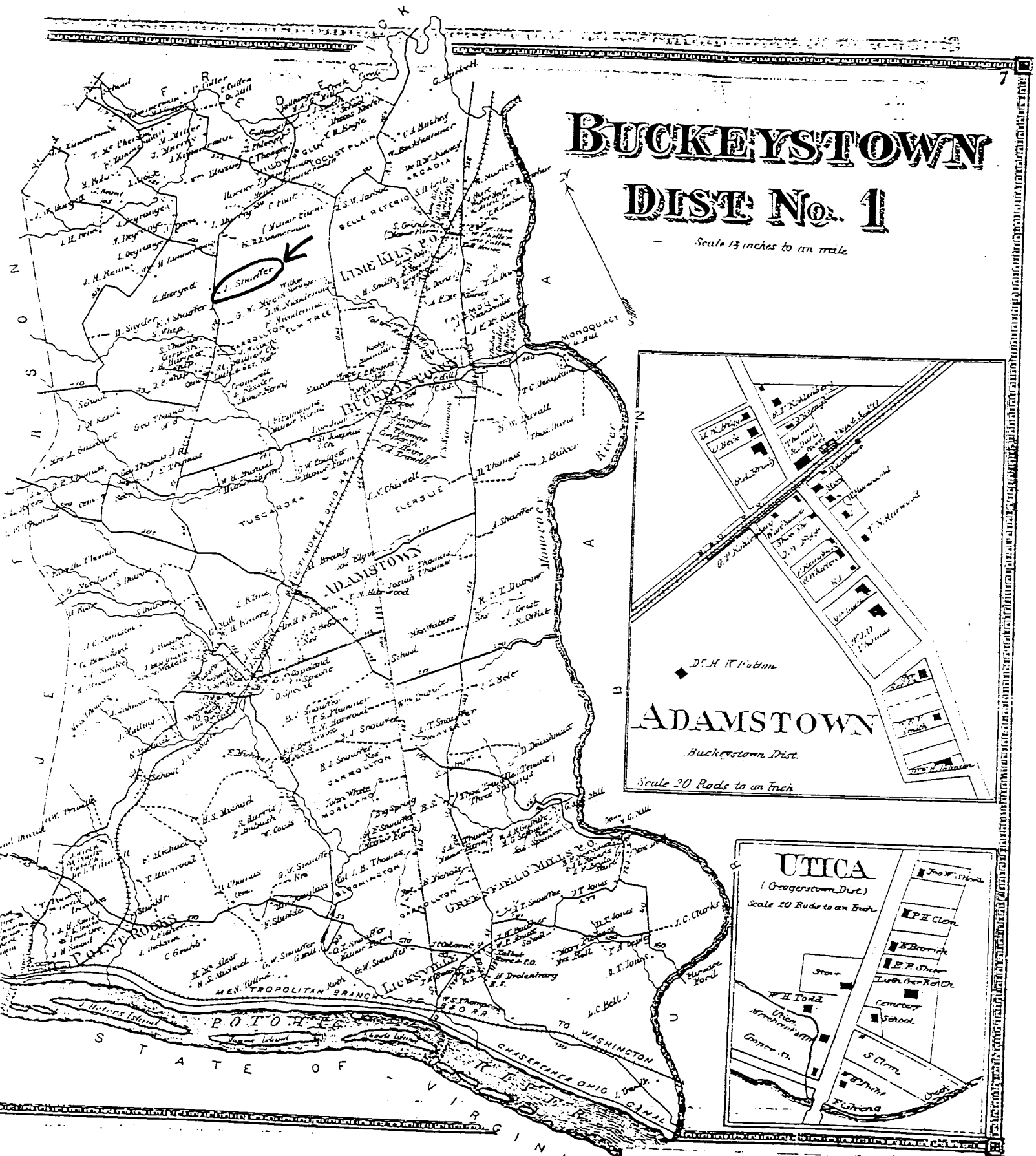
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Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Cost	Miscellaneous
WBT 4/480 21 Nov 1846	John Shaker	Wm. H. & Mary Zimmerman	Lot # 7 of Carrollton Manor + The Addition to Carrollton Manor	\$136.99
JWLC 4/91 18 Jan 1864 (11 ^{Revised page} Jul 1866)	John H. Schaeffer	George W. Meyers et al	unlocated deed, although index lists this ref.	
AF 2/155 13 Apr 1880	Newton R. Schaeffer	John H. & Sarah A. Schaeffer	with same description of lines passing through existing dwelling SE end.	\$800
AF 2/154 13 Apr 1880	Wm. C. Schaeffer	John H. & Sarah A. Schaeffer	" " NW end	\$700

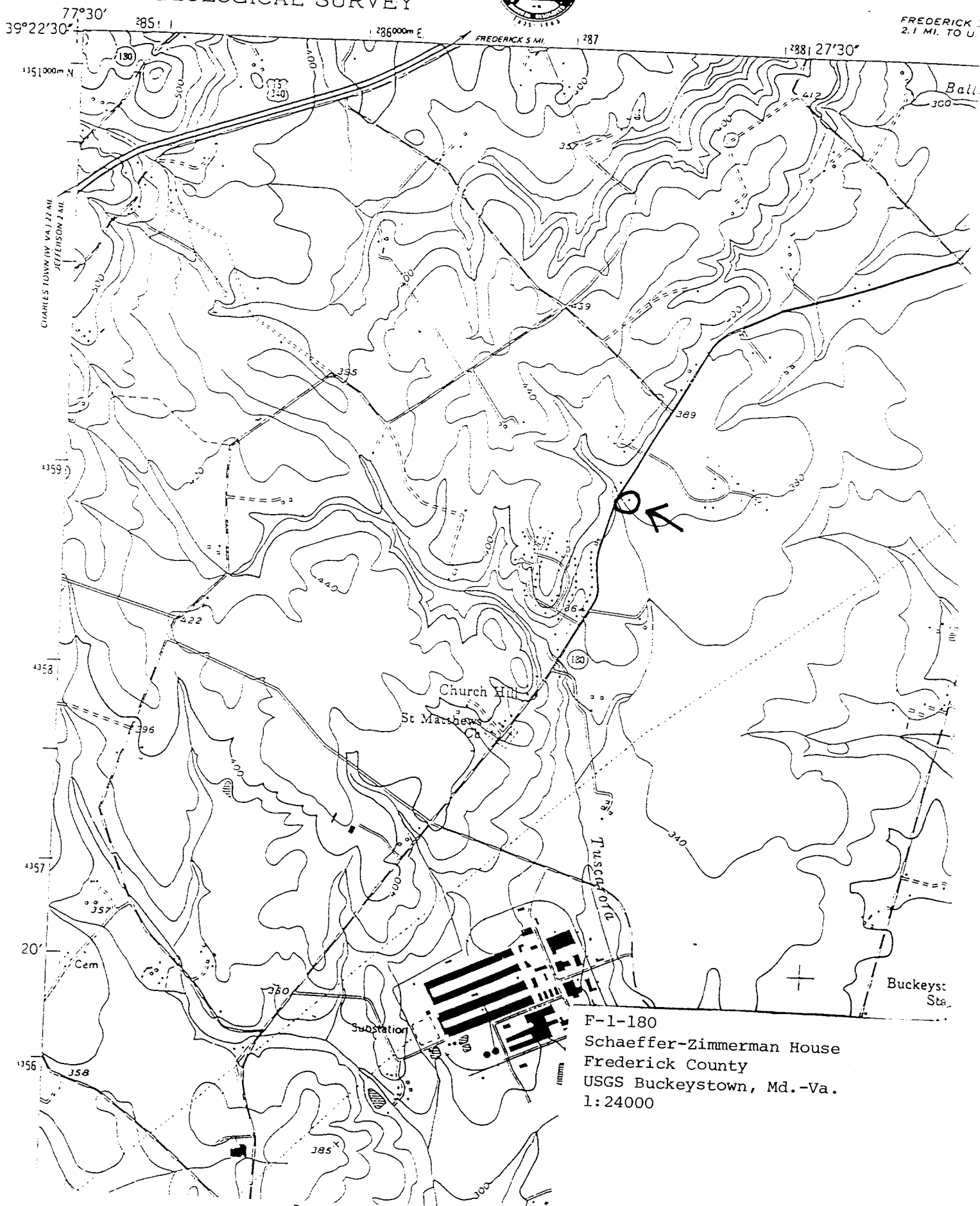
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Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873

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USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.
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Schoeffer - Zimmerman House

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Neg. loc. Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

West elevation

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Schaeffer-Zimmerman House

Frederick County

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Sch. Alter-Zimmerman House

Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Southwest corner view with summer kitchen
and meat house

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Schaeffer-Zimmerman House

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Main staircase

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Schaeffler-Zimmerman House

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April 1980

Near Loc. 110, S. R. 1, Crownsville, Md.

W. 1st. 2nd floor of rear wing

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